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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 24 January 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The arguments appear to be on the following grounds:

a) The independent claims recite passing a stock at a continuous speed, and the references fail to teach or suggest this feature. Foltz describes only a batch heat treatment.

b) Applicants admit that Taniishi provides a roller apparatus so that wrinkles are not formed on the paper substrate that would degenerate the quality of the toner image. (Arguments, Page 9)
The instant invention provides a roller in a completely different process and under different operational conditions than Taniishi's concave roller. The Declaration further explains the difference.

c) Yu and Wellenhofer do not teach continuous speed or a reverse crown roller.

2. These arguments are not persuasive for the following reasons:

a) This argument is drawn to a limitation that is not being entered.

b) The arguments that the Taniishi roller is provided in a different process with different conditions have been fully considered. However, Taniishi is believed to evidence understanding by the ordinary artisan at least that (a) wrinkling of a flexible web stock is a recognized problem, and (b) that such a problem may be solved using a reverse crowned roller. It is further submitted that the Taniishi roller is not substantially different than he claimed roller. It is submitted that the flexible web stock would not first become susceptible to wrinkling upon incorporation into the Taniishi device. In view of Taniishi's teaching of a solution to the problem while using the flexible web stock, other processing and manufacturing stages would have recognized the same

solution discovered by Taniishi as a desirable method for eliminating wrinkles. In particular, because the base reference anneals the film, it is submitted that one would have been particularly motivated to incorporate wrinkle elimination methods in order to avoid permanently annealing wrinkles into its surface. Accepting Applicant's argument, *arguendo*, even use in a different process or conditions would not eliminate the understanding of one in the art regarding wrinkles in this type of web stock.

The declaration filed after Final Rejection has not been considered.

c) The rejections of dependant claims are maintained in view of the rejection of the independent claims.

Conclusion

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